

LAST STOP BEFORE VICTORY

SCENARIO ASL TAC 41 Translated by Coastal Fortress Gaming Group



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Americans win at game end if they control 10 of the 13 building hexes of Overlay 1.

YIGO, GUAM, 7 August 1944:

The conquest of Guam was approaching its end. Pursued by American forces, the Japanese were withdrawing towards the northeast of the island. Yigo, the last strongpoint before beginning the cleanup phase, remained to be taken. The start line of the 3rd Battalion of the 307th Regimental Combat Team was fixed at 500 yards south-southeast of Yigo. The main axis of advance was the Finegayan-Yigo road. On the left, the 306th Regiment was ordered to follow a parallel route. The infantry were supported by D Company (light tanks) followed by C Company (medium tanks) of the 706th Tank Battalion. The objective was the occupation of Yigo as well as the heights which dominated it to the east and the north. The attack was to take place immediately after a bombardment of the village, but the narrow road in the assembly area created traffic jams and it was some 15 minutes after the end of the artillery preparation when the light tanks finally launched themselves into a less-congested area extending south of the village.

BOARD PLACEMENT:

34	1
	SC

BALANCE:

☆ 1st platoon enters on Turn 3

● One of the two Japanese tanks may setup HIP



● JAPANESE setups first	☆	1	☆	2	3	☆	4	5	6	7	8	9	END
☆ AMERICAN moves first													

Elements of the 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division, of the 48th Mixed Independent Brigade [ELR: 4] and of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Tank Regiment setup on map 35 north on/north of hexrow I, and/or on map 34 on/north of hexrow I in hexes numbered 4 {SAN: 6}

1 4-4-7	2 3-4-7	2-2-8	9-1	9-0	8-0	3 6-11	2 4-11	1 2-5	5 50-11-16	1 1-12
5	6	6						2	3	

14 57 2-12	11 20L (4)	1+5+7	1+3+5	5 OVR: OBA: +4 Dthr: +2
2	2			12

Elements of D Coy, 706th Tank Battalion enters on Turn 1 on the south edge of board 35:

17 37LL 2/4/2	8-1
3	

Elements of C Coy, 706th Tank Battalion enters on Turn 2 on the south edge of board 35:

13 75 2/4/4
3

1st Platoon, K Coy, 306th Infantry Regiment enters on Turn 4 between 34Y10 and 34Q10:

6-6-7	9-2	8-4
3		

Elements of the 3rd Battalion, 307th Infantry Regiment, 77th Infantry Division [ELR:4] enter on Turn 2 on the south edge of board 35 {SAN: 2}:

6-6-7	6-6-6	9-1	8-0	7-0	3 6-12	2 4-10	8-4	24-1
4	10				2	3		

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SSR:

- EC are Moist, with no wind at start. PTO rules are in effect. The stream is Dry.
- Place Overlay 1 on 35T2-T1. The roads on Board 35 and Overlay 1 do exist [EXC: The roads R6-Q10 and P4-Q1 are Paths].
- Kindling is NA.
- Before the Japanese setup, the American player secretly notes 3 pre-registered hexes with 3 hexes range between each. After both sides setup, the American player successively places on each of the 3 hexes a FFE counter, checks for accuracy as per C1.731, resolves a normal HE FFE of 100+mm, then removes the FFE counter. 5. The Huts of Overlay 1 are considered wooden buildings [EXC: B23.41 does not apply].

AFTERMATH: The light tanks rapidly came under an intense machinegun fire coming from entrenchments and from pillboxes along the length of the right side of the road. The M5's rapidly crashed through these positions and continued their progress towards Yigo, leaving their reduction to the medium tanks and infantry. Suddenly, several cannons opened fire on the left of the formation, destroying two of the M5's, the remainder of whom called upon the medium tanks to reinforce them. One of the M4's met the same fate in turn. However, despite the reduction by the flamethrower and grenade wielding infantry, one by one, of the Japanese positions bypassed by the Japanese armor, the Japanese defenses arranged in the jungle to the left of the road remained intact. The commander of the 3rd Battalion of the 306th, Colonel Kimbrell, hearing the noise of combat, personally led the 1st Platoon of Company K to take the Japanese positions from the rear. Surprised by the arrival of the 1st Platoon, the Japanese position, designed to repel attacks coming from the direction of the road, rapidly crumbled. The last center of resistance broken, the Americans quickly entered Yigo without opposition. The conquest of Guam was at the point of drawing to a close.